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1. LOCATION OF QUALIFIED NEW GATT EXPERT FOR SUBJECT PANEL MAY PROVE DIFFICULT IN VIEW MOUNTING PACE OF ECONOMIC-RELATED ACTIVITY IN GENEVA. POSSIBLE REPLACEMENT FOR USLID MIGHT BE MAURI EGGERT, COUNSELOR OF FINNISH MISSION. EGGERT HAS BEEN IN GENEVA FOR ABOUT A YEAR, HAS SUITABLE GATT EXPERIENCE, HAS NO BIASES OF WHICH WE AWARE WHICH WOULD MAKE HIM UNACCEPTABLE EITHER TO U.S. OR EC, AND WOULD CONSTITUTE ONE-FOR-ONE NORDIC REPLACEMENT ON PANEL.

2. OUR ASSESSMENT OF TOMIC IN REFTTEL (B) REMAINS VALID WITH CAVEAT THAT TOMIC HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN NUMEROUS RECENT VOLLEYS WITH EC OVER EC MEAT RESTRICTIONS AND THUS COMMUNITY MIGHT OBJECT.

3. TEESE, ALSO MENTIONED IN REFTTEL (B), WOULD CONTINUE BE IDEAL CHOICE FROM STANDPOINT GATT EXPERTISE AND GENERAL AVAILABILITY (HE'S NOT INVOLVED IN MTN). HOWEVER, AUSTRALIANS HAVE GAINED WIDE NEW FAME OVER THEIR CHEERFUL EXPLOITATION OF GATT LOOPHOLES. WHILE TEESE APPEARS SIMPLY HAVE DONE BEST JOB HE COULD TO DEFEND NEW GOA POLICIES IN GATT, HIS NOMINATION MIGHT

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BEST BE WITHHELD FOR NOW. TOO, FALCONER OF NEW ZEALAND

IS ALREADY ON PANEL AS THE OTHER GATT EXPERT; TWO FROM  
TASMAN SEA MIGHT BE TOO MUCH.

4. OUR FAVORABLE COMMENTS ON CHADHA OF INDIA (REFTEL  
(C)) AND COLLIANDER OF SWEDEN (REFTEL (D)) REMAIN VALID,  
EXCEPT THAT BOTH ARE BUSIER THAN EVER AND CHADHA  
ESPECIALLY IS UNLIKELY BE AVAILABLE (HE'S NOW AN  
AMBASSADOR).

5. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS AMAURY BIER OF BRAZIL. HE  
REPLACED SOUTO MAIOR, IS COMPETENT, SEEMS FAIR. SUSPECT  
HE'S TOO BUSY.

6. IF GABRIELSSON PROVES UNACCEPTABLE, SUGGEST WE  
START WITH COLLIANDER, THEN EGGERT, BIER. WE WOULD,  
OF COURSE, HAVE TO CHECK THEIR AVAILABILITY FIRST.

7. RE QUESTION IN PARA 2 OF REFTEL (A), MCNAMARA DID  
NOT ATTEND WP UNDER GABRIELSSON'S CHAIRMANSHIP AND THUS  
FEELS UNQUALIFIED MAKE JUDGEMENT RE HIS ACCEPTABILITY.  
ONCE CULBERT IS SETTLED IN GENEVA DUTIES, WE WILL SEEK  
ASSESSMENT FROM HIM ON GABRIELSSON.DALE

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